

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON NEW RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

- 1 Since the Government of Japan designated Novel Coronavirus(AKA COVID-19) as "Designated Infectious Disease" under the Infectious Diseases Act of Japan, foreign nationals who are deemed as patients of Novel Coronavirus shall be denied permission to land in Japan pursuant to Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act of Japan. As the Government of Japan also designated Novel Coronavirus as “Quarantinable Infectious Diseases” under Quarantine Act of Japan, foreign nationals who are suspected of being afflicted with Novel Coronavirus would be ordered to be quarantined with no exception for valid visa holders.

- 2 The Government of Japan also decided on 12 Feb.2020 that for the time being, those who fall under the two categories below are not permitted to land in Japan unless there are exceptional circumstances.
 - Foreign nationals who have travelled to Hubei Province or Zhejiang Province in the People's Republic of China within 14 days before arriving in Japan.
 - Foreign nationals who hold a passport issued by the Hubei Province or Zhejiang Province Authority.
 - Foreign Nationals aboard a passenger ship which sails for the purpose of entering Japanese port and carries a risk of being afflicted by an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus infectious disease.

- 3 Based on the “Principle Criteria of Visa Issuance”, visa applications of those who fall under the categories being not permitted to land in Japan are not accepted. Visa applicants are required to fill in and submit questionnaire (attached) on whether or not they have (or will have) travelled to Hubei Province or Zhejiang Province in the People's Republic of China within 14 days before arriving in Japan.

- 4 Please note that even those foreign nationals who were already issued valid visa of Japan would not be permitted to land in Japan if they fall under the categories mentioned in 1 and 2 above.